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AUSTRIAN REPLY WHOLLY UNSATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT SHOWS DISAPPOINTMENT

Unless Vienna Foreign Office Yields Diplomatic Relations Will be Severed—Ancona Sinking Reaches More Acute Stage Than Lusitania Incident.

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, Dec. 15, via Berlin and London, Dec. 16.—The situation as regards Austria-Hungary and the United States is said to have become less tense since the reply to the American note was despatched.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 16.—Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona is regarded on the basis of unofficial reports received today from London and Amsterdam as wholly unsatisfactory, unacceptable and disappointing to the United States. Diplomatic relations are standing at the breaking point.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are reserving comment until they have the official text at hand, but it is stated that the United States will enter into no exchange of opinion with the Vienna foreign office has suggested and will absolutely refuse to discuss the shelling and sinking of the Ancona by the submarine.

No official word reached the state department today that the American reply had been handed to Ambassador Pendell, but the news dispatches indicate that it is on the way.

From such parts of the unofficial news as is contained in the news dispatches, officials considered the reply on many respects, but they were not prepared to say whether that was good or bad. The suggestion for an exchange of an opinion, the demand for a bill of redress of the American complaint against the action of the submarine commander were clearly set forth, however, and state department officials unhesitatingly declare that all will be refused. The United States does not propose to enter into a diplomatic discussion which has possibilities of being prolonged indefinitely.

The outline of the reply was disappointing because the United States had been led to believe that the reply would show a disposition to yield.

As Secretary Lansing placed the representations in his note on the official statement of the Austrian ambassador, American officials are

at a loss to understand where there is much room for discussion of the facts.

News from Vienna recently that the submarine which sank the Ancona was missing led some officials to believe that a new element was introduced which had some show of carrying weight. That point, however, has vanished.

Thought Austria Would Yield.
American officials believed that taking as a basis the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona was shelled, torpedoed and sunk while passengers were aboard, there would be little room for discussion of Secretary Lansing's contentions that the commander violated "international law and humanity" and that it was "wanton slaughter."

Several Relations.
Officials pointed out today that an unsatisfactory and unresponsive reply from Austria would result in severing diplomatic relations because of the closing words of Secretary Lansing's note of "good relations resting on the common regard for international law and humanity" and that Austria accede to the demands of the United States.

Specifically the note demanded a repudiation of the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefensible act, the punishment of the commander who perpetrated the deed and the reparation of American citizens for destruction.

Most Vigorous of All.
The note stands as the most vigorous of the correspondence during the war, and was not equalled by the notes with Germany in the Lusitania case.

Austria's diplomatic relations with the United States since the recall of Ambassador Dumba for his connections with the plots for crippling munitions plants in the United States has been maintained by Baron Swidmek, charge d'affaires. Baron Swidmek had no official communication from his government, but after reading dispatches he went to the state department and had a conference with Secretary Lansing.

MORE HELP FOR GOOD SHOPPING BELGIUM URGED

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 16.—A new fund in the interests of the distressed people of Belgium, to be known as the "Cardinal Mercier Fund," is announced by a committee which includes a number of prominent American women, who have been stirred by the fact that the suffering in Belgium is spreading among "hundreds of thousands of families heretofore wealthy" and to educational and charitable organizations whose work is being abandoned or curtailed because their formerly wealthy Belgian patrons are unable to render their usual aid.

The committee of patronesses includes Mrs. Gerald Borden, Mrs. C. G. K. Billings, Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, and a number of other well-known women. Headquarters have been established at the Belgian Bureau, 10 Bridge Street, New York, where the work will be directed.

The announcement says the fund will be formed under auspices of the Belgian minister at Washington, Emmanuel Hlavetnik, the Belgian minister of state, Louis de Sadeleer, who is in New York, and the Belgian consul general at New York, Pierre Mali. The committee's statement reads, in part, as follows:

"From many authoritative sources we learn constantly of the extremely miserable conditions of Belgium. Millions of men, women and children are in object poverty. Hundreds of thousands of families heretofore wealthy or at least in comfortable circumstances have lost everything. Included among these are owners of destroyed or idle factories and stores, business men, professors, teachers and artists. Many of them have generously contributed of their own money to their less fortunate countrymen, but, owing to the long duration of the war, they are now, in their turn, compelled to seek assistance. And besides these individuals, many most popular educational institutions, charitable organizations, orphan asylums, day nurseries and societies for the protection of young girls, which rendered immense services, are at present powerless to render their usual services, for lack of sustenance. "From such institutions, organizations and individuals, without number, desperate appeals reach Cardinal Mercier every day, because he is the principal figure in authority now remaining in Belgium, to whom the suffering people can confidently appeal for aid."

That prison reform, now agitated in America, is an old measure is shown by a report from Japan that the Japanese tried out the idea over two centuries ago. Self-government among the prisoners of Tokio prisons was established in the seventeenth century. It worked out satisfactorily, but was abandoned for some reason not known.

Baboons possess a remarkable instinct for finding water and are used for that purpose in South Africa.

New York is to have a sound-proof apartment building. New York is about to discover that there is no such thing.—Detroit Free Press.

A woman in Cincinnati says thousands have died from kissing. And tens of thousands have already died for lack of it.—Nashville Tennessean.

When it comes to putting over advertising stunts, we guess it's about a toss-up between Henry Ford, P. T. Barnum and "Billy" Sunday.—Omaha Bee.

The exhibits in the toy windows seem to indicate that little lead soldiers are as popular as ever—there are no signs of substituting Fordships for Noah's arks.—Evening Wisconsin.

A hotelkeeper in Torreon who charged \$6,500 for a dinner has been sent out of the country by Carranza. That sounds like a square meal at a national convention city.—Los Angeles Times.

New incandescent lamps which are said to cost about one-half as much to operate as ordinary tungsten ones have specially shaped tungsten filaments, and are filled with an inert gas, such as nitrogen.

More than 10,000 known species of orchids have been listed by experts.

Sheriff Isenhower will be at the city manager's office Saturday for the collection of taxes.—(Adv.)

Mr. J. D. Elliott has returned from Raleigh where he spent several days.

Mr. D. L. Russell returned last evening from Winston-Salem, where he went to look after some legal matters.

Mr. Fred Cambell who has been attending college at Atlanta, Ga., has returned home for the holidays.

GOOD SHOPPING DAYS ARE COMING

With prospects for fair weather by tomorrow, Hickory merchants today were counting on a renewal of the brisk trading that was in evidence before the snow and cold kept so many people close at home. Shopping has been brisk, but it has not kept up, owing to the severe weather.

It is expected that tomorrow and Saturday will be big days. Saturday always is a lively day in Hickory especially during the holiday season, and the Saturday before Christmas will prove no exception.

Merchants said today that they had sold more Christmas goods than ever before at this season of the year. Heretofore most people have waited until the last few days before Christmas before making purchases, but the trading began early in December and has continued good.

Toward noon many shoppers from the county were noted in Hickory. They were heard from by express-by-places. Hickory stores were the attraction.

REACH AGREEMENT IN BRIDGE MATTER

Mr. A. A. Whitener, who represented the Catawba board of commissioners in Charlotte Tuesday, said that the meeting between him and County Attorney L. C. Caldwell of Iredell on one side and officials of the Southern Power Company was also rather agreeable. The proposed plans would be announced in a few days relative to the construction of a bridge over the Catawba river near Lookout Shoals.

When the power plant was constructed there, the ford was eliminated and since their efforts have been made for a suitable bridge. The Catawba commissioners met with Iredell commissioners in Statesville and agreed on what they would be willing to do in the matter. The next step was to secure the co-operation of the Southern Power Company, a task by no means difficult, it was learned today.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 16.—More normal conditions prevailed on the resumption of trading today. Yesterday's heavy dealings in Anglo-French war bonds being lacking. That issue, however, reached the minimum quotation of 94 1/4 for future delivery. Initial advances included Mercantile Marine preferred. Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific were lower. United States Steel changed hands in lots of 1,000 to 2,500 shares under yesterday's ressure.

NEW YORK COTTON
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 16.—Relatively easy cables were followed by a decline of 3 to 11 points in the cotton market here at the opening today, with the active months selling off. Prices soon rallied with March selling up to 12.82 or within three points of last night's close.

CHICAGO WHEAT
(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat rallied today after a weak start. Lower opening prices were followed by a further upturn, which, however, was not maintained. Initial quotations were 1.15 1/2 for December.

COTTON FUTURES
New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.

HICKORY MARKETS
Cotton ----- 12 1/2 c
Wheat ----- \$1.50

THE WEATHER
Forecast for North Carolina: Probably rain tonight and Friday. Warm; moderate to fresh east and south-east winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER
December 15.— 1915 1914
Maximum ----- 36 33
Minimum ----- 20 9
Mean ----- 28 21
Rainfall ----- .08

A. WAYLAND COOKE GIVEN JUICY PLUM
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 16.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of A. Wayland Cooke to be postmaster at Greensboro.

Mr. Vanderlip would impose tax upon all restaurant bills over \$2. Can stand anything after the hat check.—Wall Street Journal.

A Chicago magistrate announces that he is going to try to make lazy husbands work. Nothing lazy about a magistrate who will undertake such a job.—Albany Argus.

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BOTH SIDES ARE WAITING ON SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS

Lull in Macedonia Fighting, Athens Observers Say, Will Extend Over Greek Contests—Germans not Pushing Forward for Lack of Heavy Guns.

(The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 16.—On the Macedonian front there has set in a lull, which well informed observers at Athens believe will extend over the Greek elections of Sunday. The retirement of the Anglo-French has ended and they have taken up strong positions north of Saloniki, where no efforts have been made to disturb them. The German forces will not be ready for some time to attack them, as the German mountain guns and light artillery would not be equal to the task, it is said.

The entente capitals view with satisfaction what is regarded as the masterful manner which the retreat was conducted and the comparatively small losses. It is believed that much of the credit is due to the recent joint counsel of war in France.

In London the retirement of Field Marshal Sir John French of the British forces in France temporarily overshadows all other news. The new commander-in-chief, Sir Douglas Haig enters on his duties with a fine reputation.

"Whatever criticism has been directed against the staff of the British armies in Flanders," says the Manchester Guardian, "there has not been a word against Sir Douglas Haig, General Haig, while perhaps lacking the personal magnetism of Sir John French, is a leader of tried experience."

General Haig assumes his new office at a moment when comparative quiet prevails on all fronts.

STATE BANKS SHOW INCREASE BUSINESS

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Deposits in the North Carolina State banks increased more than \$6,000,000 during the past year and the total resources foot up \$87,606,324, compared with \$85,920,023 last year, a net gain of \$1,740,300. These are especially figures contained in the summary of reports of condition for the year ending September 30, 1915. The comparisons are with reports of October 31, 1914. There were reports from 417 banks including 21 branch banks. The number of reports for one year ago was 422, including 18 branches.

Members of the corporation commission say the showing this year indicates a healthy business growth, and that the items that show decrease are about as creditable to banking progress as those that show increased figures. For instance, the item of bills payable show a decrease from \$7,567,431 to \$3,694,200, and notes and bills rediscounted show a decrease from \$1,689,924 to \$744,973.

The savings deposits at this time aggregate \$16,057,002, an increase of \$1,455,099 for the year; demand certificates of deposits total \$6,742,055, an increase of \$2,342,268; deposits subject to check, \$30,773,077, an increase of \$2,239,380; time certificates of deposits are \$8,574,518, a decrease of \$1,110,661.

Loans and discounts are \$62,366,887, a decrease of \$2,225,293; overdrafts, \$443,019, a decrease of \$88,431; stocks and bonds and mortgages, \$2,012,655, an increase of \$65,167; banking house furniture and fixtures, \$3,009,717, an increase of \$274,965; all other real estate owned \$409,315, increase of \$23,911; demand loans, \$3,699,653, increase of \$229,873; due from banks and bankers, \$12,003,189, increase of \$2,744,287; cash items, \$694,787, increase of \$88,093; gold coin, \$438,821, increase of \$45,272; silver coin \$532,643, increase of \$54,191; National bank notes, \$2,201,375, increase of \$380,377. The summary shows \$191,482 trust deposits, and miscellaneous funds, \$256,410, this being an increase of \$199,569.

Accrued interest due to depositors is \$238,215, an increase of \$135,877. The total capital stock is \$10,800,048, an increase of \$115,347; the fund, \$3,577,838, increase of \$315,189; undivided profits, \$3,088,516, a gain of \$239,977.

The total increase in the various stages of bank finances summarized in the report was \$4,114,923 and the total decrease \$2,374,623.

BASEBALL AGREEMENT
War Between Majors and Federals to End.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The end of the baseball war came in sight last night when American League magnates at their annual session here agreed to the peace terms arranged at New York between the Federal and National Leagues.

Within a few days, according to President Johnson, the details of agreement which does away with the Federal League as an independent league will be arranged, the American League having consented to appoint a committee to meet envoys from the others.

The peace proposals of the Federal League agreed to at New York by the National League, were related to the American League meeting by Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Nationals. For an hour Mr. Dreyfuss addressed the American League club owners, explaining in detail the agreements. His terms were not made public, both Mr. Dreyfuss and the magistrates agreeing to keep silent on these, but it is generally understood that the consolidation of the National and Federal is the basis.

President Johnson declared that there would be only two leagues, the American and National.

A joint peace session probably will take place within a week, according to Mr. Johnson at New York or Chicago.

Recent statistics showed 256,350 motor boats, valued at more than \$200,000,000 in the United States.

10,000 FOR NORMAL
Student Body of This College Will Use Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Greensboro, Dec. 16.—The student body of the State Normal College here have taken 10,000 Red Cross Christmas seals to use among themselves during this Christmas season. They, too, are interested in the fight against tuberculosis and are availing themselves of this opportunity to help.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, who addressed the student body of the Normal College recently, on the subject of tuberculosis and its prevention, stressed the importance of colleges giving more attention to the study of health and especially that feature that has to do with disease prevention.

Said Doctor McBrayer: "The college that sends out the young women or the young men who are availing themselves of this opportunity to help, is the state's future educational, health and uplift work, be they well instructed in the principles of hygiene, health and sanitation—that college will be rendering to the state a two fold service."

To avoid tarnishing small hardware by handling in stores there has been invented a glass covered showcase in which the goods are held close to the glass in shallow drawers.

LIVELY DISPUTE ON SUFFRAGE IN CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 16.—Southern women want the vote and need it as much as other women, Mrs. Pattie R. Jacobs of Birmingham, Ala., told the house committee today. Mrs. Jacobs, who is the president of the Alabama Equal Suffrage League, was one of the women who appeared before Congress with Susan B. Anthony.

Chairman Webb wanted to know whether the women did not ask the states for the vote instead of bothering Congress over something it could not do.

Mrs. Jacobs said the women of the South do not wish to be contented with suffrage within state limits, but want a nation-wide vote. They desired the vote particularly to protect those who work in factories, she said.

In the course of her argument Mrs. Jacobs engaged in a controversy with Representative Staley of South Carolina as to whether there was a law that state to protect the workers. Mrs. Jacobs took the position that there was no such law.

CHARITIES TO MEET
Directors of the Associated Charities will meet in the rooms of the Commercial College Saturday afternoon to make plans for aiding the needy to elect officers. This will be the first meeting that the present officers will be re-elected.

Wasn't Climate.
A year ago yesterday the thermometer registered nine degrees above zero and today it registered nine degrees below that. That was weather, not climate.

SMALL CROWD SEES PLAY
The play "Virginia" showed to a very small crowd at the Hub last night.

Working on the principle of the hot air balloon, a new nut cracker that will be fastened to a table cracks the nuts without injuring their contents.

THREE ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN

Mena, Ark., Dec. 16.—Southbound passenger train No. 1 of the Kansas City Southern Railroad was held up between Egleton and Acon, a small station, early today, by three robbers. The robbers blew open the safe in the express car. Three small packages were secured, but the passengers were not molested.

REPUBLICANS FIGHT THE EMERGENCY TAX
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 16.—The senate finance committee today authorized Chairman Simmons to report the house resolution extending the emergency revenue law until December 31, 1916. The Republican committee sought to have it extended only until June 30, 1916, but were outvoted. They will try to amend it in the senate.

Republicans on the house ways and means committee in a statement today deny that the revenue is necessary on account of the war, but say the Underwood-Simmons tariff is responsible.

Mrs. J. W. Hartsfield left today for Greensboro and Wake Forest to visit relatives.

Mrs. F. H. May of Lenoir passed through the city today en route to Wendell.

Mr. J. D. Elliott has returned from Raleigh where he spent several days.

Mr. D. L. Russell returned last evening from Winston-Salem, where he went to look after some legal matters.

Mr. Fred Cambell who has been attending college at Atlanta, Ga., has returned home for the holidays.

EXAMINE GOMPERS AS FIRST WITNESS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 16.—The grand jury which has been investigating the Franz von Brintzen conspiracy to cause strikes in munition factories will reconvene on Monday, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be the first witness called. Several witnesses will be called in addition to Gompers, but the United States Attorney Marshall expects that the grand jury will complete its work before Christmas.